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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT FOLLOWING: 'NO, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOT THE RIGHT TO BE WRONG TO SUCH A DEGREE AND TO REMAIN SILENT IN THIS STATE OF INJUSTICE FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

"THE CASE HAS TWO SIDES. ON THE ONE HAND, CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL IS NOT INTERESTED IN EVENTS WHICH COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO HIM DURING THE NEXT ELECTIONS. AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, HE HAS WALDEMAR SCHRECKENBERGER, A HIGH INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL, ON HIS SIDE. SCHRECKENBERGER HIMSELF IS A 'COVER-UP.'

"HAVE THERE NOT BEEN ANY LAWS SO FAR? THEN WE SHOULD IMPLEMENT NEW LAWS. ARE THEY NOT STRICT ENOUGH? THEN WE SHOULD IMPLEMENT STRICTER LAWS. KOHL IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM, WHICH HAS ITS MORAL SIDE, AS SUCH BUT THE JEWISH LOBBY IN THE U.S. WHOSE POWER KOHL RIGHTLY ASSESSES.

"BUT IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO MAKE KOHL AND HIS COALITION THE SOLE RESPONSIBLE. SPD CHANCELLORS, TOO, ALWAYS LOOKED ASIDE WHEN IT CAME TO THE INTERESTS OF INDUSTRY, LET ALONE ADENAUER AND ERHARD. IT WAS ARGUED WHY SHOULD WE BE THE ONLY ONES WHO DO NOT AFFORD TO HAVING A DOUBLE BOOKKEEPING?

"HAS THIS EVER BEEN A MORAL POSITION. NO, CERTAINLY NOT. BUT ONE HAS TO ADMIT THAT THE WESTERN ALLIES TOOK ALONG THIS POLITICAL DOUBLE MORALS IN THEIR FIELD PACKS. ISRAEL ITSELF, WHICH DOES NOT WANT TO PUT UP WITH KURT WALDHEIM PUT UP WITH THE MUCH STRONGER INVOLVED HANS GLOBKE. A USEFUL NAZI WAS THEN NO LONGER A NAZI. AND EVEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT PUT THOSE JAPANESE PHYSICIANS ON TRIAL WHO CARRIED OUT EXPERIMENTS WITH HUMAN BEINGS. INSTEAD IT BROUGHT THEM TO THE U.S. MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EXPERIMENTS.

"IT IS ALSO HARDLY POSSIBLE TO OVERESTIMATE THE INFLUENCE OF THE LATE FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS. HE WISHED THE FRG AN ARMS SMITHY FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD. HE WAS INFATUATED WITH ARMS AND THEIR TECHNOLOGIES. HOW WOULD IT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO STEP OUT OF HITLER'S SHADOW BUT WITH A FLOURISHING ARMS EXPORT?"

CATHERMAN

ADMIN END OF MESSAGE

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